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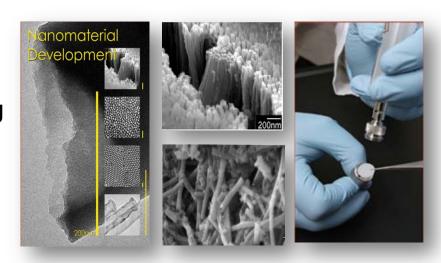
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# What We Do

# RESEARCH

Innovate nanomaterials and sampling methods for reagentless trace detection of chem/bio agents



# **DEVELOPMENT**

Integration of OSS tech with optical based detection systems (IR/Raman)

# **COMMERCIALIZATION**

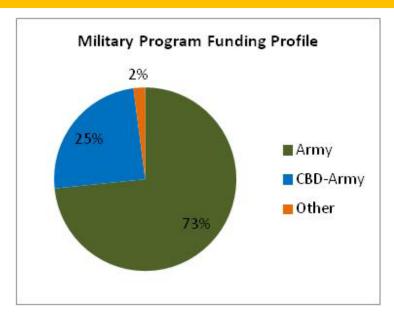
IP portfolio development leading to licensing and sales opportunities



# **Doing Business with the Army**

# **Historically**

- BAAs
- SBIRs/STTRs
- Primary Customer: S&T Army/CBD-Army



## **Challenge: Commercializing S&T Funded Tech**

- great ideas leading to functional prototype deliverable, but limited / no pull at end of contract
- Increased alignment between S&T and JPM / JRO = Commercialization Success

## **Current Strategy**

- Identify and work with larger strategic industry partners
- License IP / Distribution Agreements
- Proving tech through Live Agent Testing <u>GREATLY</u> advances our business



# **Live Agent Testing - ECBC**



ECBC Live Agent Testing
Summer/Fall 2010

# **Agents in Water Successfully Tested**

- Cyanide (200 ppb)
- Anthrax (10<sup>4</sup> CFU)
- VX (50 ppm)

## **Commercial Spinoff Products (2013)**

- Oil/Grease in water analysis (ASTM D7575)
- Surface Sampler (sold with HazMatID<sup>TM</sup> Elite)



Water Sampling Kit Mockup



Commercially Available (2013)
For ASTM D7575 Testing



# **Business Opportunity 1:**

# **OSS M8 Detection Paper**





#### SBIR Phase I/II: US Army RDECOM - W911SR-12-C-0052

#### **Improved M8 Chemical Agent Detector Paper for Facilities Monitoring**



Orono Spectral Solutions Inc, Bangor, ME (www.ossmaine.com)

#### **Project Mission**

To develop coatings for M8 paper that improve its robustness and rate of detection for chemical warfare agent (CWA) attacks.



M8 Paper in the field



**M8** Degraded Response



**Lotus Leaf** 



Superhydrophobic + oleophilic material

#### **Innovations and Significance**

- Modify COTS M8 paper with ultrathin superhydrophobic and oleophilic material coatings that provide self-cleaning and waterproofing while retaining its detection capabilities for CWA
- Mimic naturals surfaces (lotus leaf) by fabricating low surface energy materials in combination with appropriate surface morphologies that increases micro/nanoscale roughness.
- Develop transduction mechanisms that integrate improved M8 paper with a self-reporting system (wireless sensor network arrays).

#### **Dual Use Applications**

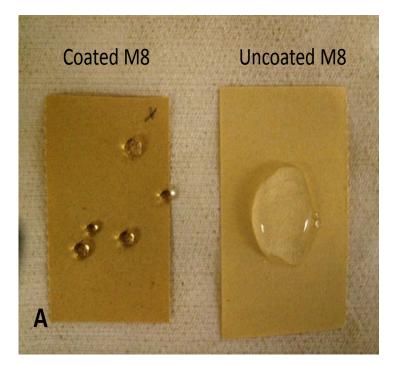
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- First Responders

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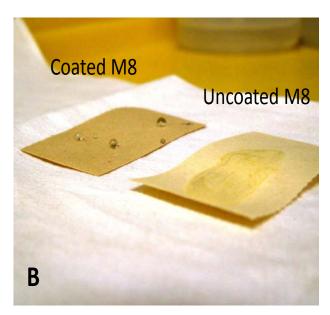
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# **Phase I Summary: OSS M8 Paper**

## **Waterproof Properties of OSS M8 Paper**



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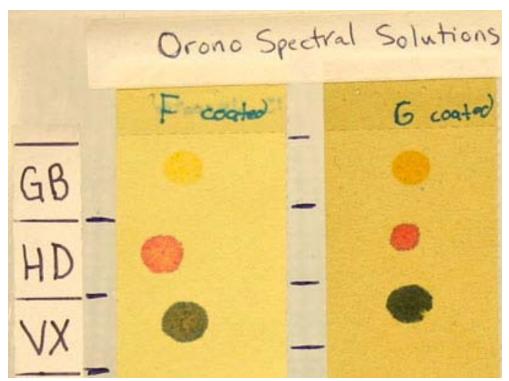


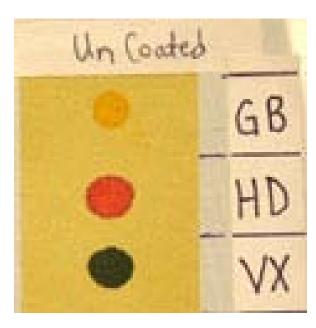
Time = 30 Minutes



# **Phase I Summary: ECBC Live Agent Testing**

#### **Performance of OSS Coated M8 Paper**





**Bottom Line: OSS M8 Successfully Detected CWAs** 

**End Users Want this Now!** 



# **Business Opportunity 2:**

# **OSS Surface Sampler**





# Multi-Agent Surface Sampler Integrated with Smiths Detection's HazMatID™ Elite Handheld Chemical Identifier

Orono Spectral Solutions Inc, Bangor, ME (<u>www.ossmaine.com</u>)
Army Contract # W911SR10C0064



#### **Project Goal/Product Description**

To develop a simple to use multi-agent surface sampling device that is fully integrated with Smiths Detection's HazMatID Elite chemical identifier.





# OSS Surface Sampler Reusable Wand Smiths Detection's HazMatID Elite Handheld Chemical Identifier

#### **Technical Innovations**

- One device that is capable of collecting any chem, bio, TIC, TIM, explosive, and narcotic agent
- Successfully collects agents from any surface (plastic, metal, painted metal, roughened asphalt, concrete, ceramics, wood, vegetation, clothing, and much more)
- Collector material produces no interfering IR signature when used with ATR-IR based detectors (no changes to onboard ID algorithms)
- Collector material also being tested with Raman and IMS hardware
- Made of ruggedized material capable of withstanding harsh sampling and environmental conditions (high resistance to corrosion, temperature, shock)

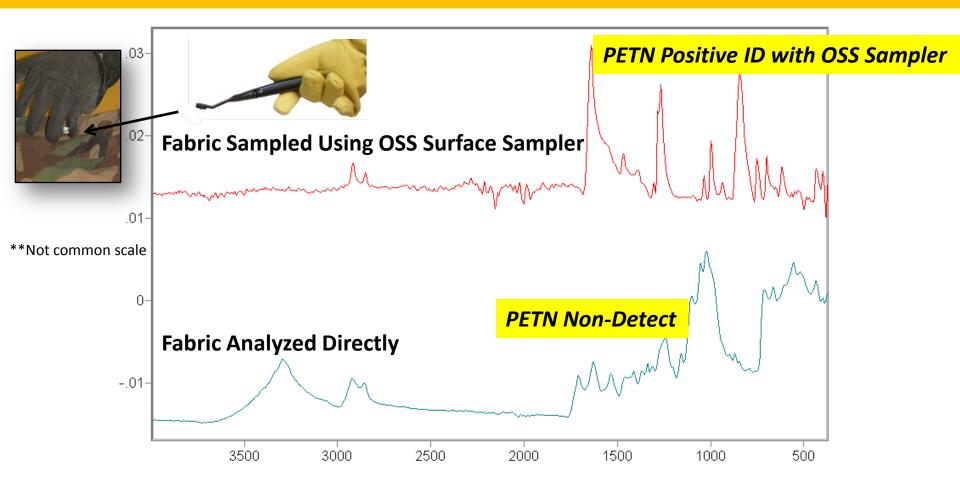
#### **Benefits to Warfighter/End User**

- Proven technology that has been successfully tested at ECBC against live agents and NTAs on a variety of different surfaces
- Completely streamlined collection-to-identification process
- Fully integrated with known and trusted detection system hardware
- •Works with any powder, liquid or chemical residue on any surface

#### **POC**

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# **Explosives on Fabric Detection**



- Direct analysis of explosives on the fabric is not possible due to interferences from the fabric
- OSS Surface Sampler is capable of extracting the explosive off of the fabric and allowing for positive ID of the agent

# **Live Agent Testing – ECBC**



- 8 different agents <u>positively identified</u> (G, H, V, NTAs)
- 7 different surfaces (stainless steel, linoleum, drywall, Formica, asphalt, concrete)
- Current Status: Finalizing production; sale by early 2013
- Funding opportunities being sought for next-gen developments:
  - RFID tagging
  - Increased sensitivity for sub µg detection with HazmatID Elite
  - Single collection device for multi-instrument use (ex: Raman, IMS/JCAD, M8, pH)

# **Summary**

- OSS continues to be responsive to S&T needs for new tech
- > Alignment with S&T and JPM/JRO Small Business Success Stories

# WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO THE ARMY/DOD?

- Respond more quickly to emerging needs/threats ex: OSS M8 developed in <u>6 months</u> on a <u>Phase I Budget!</u>
- Drivers of Innovation
   ex: we have filed 10 patent apps. in last 5 years (6 US, 4 International)
- High Return on Investment (ROI)
  ex: basic R&D to Product ... by an 8 person company!

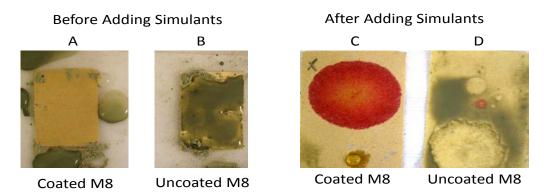


# **Questions?**

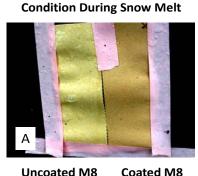
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# **Phase I Summary: Durability Testing**

#### **Self Cleaning Properties of OSS Coated M8**

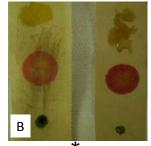


#### 7 Days of Being Stuck to side of OSS facility in winter (snow melt)



Coated M8

**Response to CWA Simulants** 



Uncoated M8\* Coated M8

\* Had to replace uncoated M8 after snow melt (paper fell apart)

#### **Other Tests**

- 1) UV Testing: Simulated 240 hours of intense sunlight  $\rightarrow$  No Change in Performance
- 2) Shelf Life: Retested First films from 13 months ago  $\rightarrow$  No Change in Performance



## **Phase II Planned Activities**

# Work Plan:

- Develop transduction system for automated reading (optical, electrical)
- Design and build automated reader for OSS M8 (single node)
- Develop wireless sensor network for self reporting (multi-node system)
- Live Agent Testing

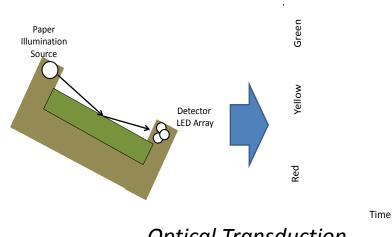
# **Deliverables/Products:**

- OSS M8
- Autonomous Self Reporting CWA Detection System (Advance Force Protection)

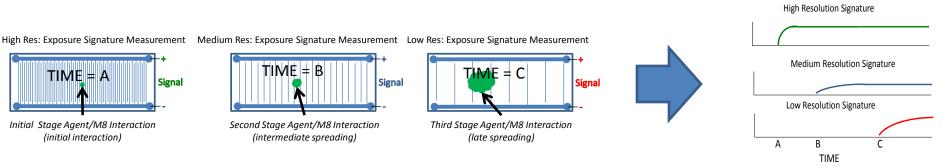


## **Phase II - Planned Activities**

**Year 1: Develop Transduction Systems for Automated Reading** 



**Optical Transduction** 

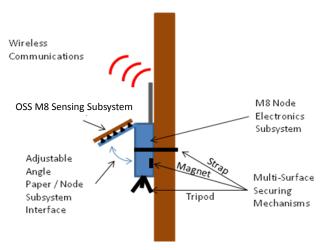


**Electronic Transduction** 

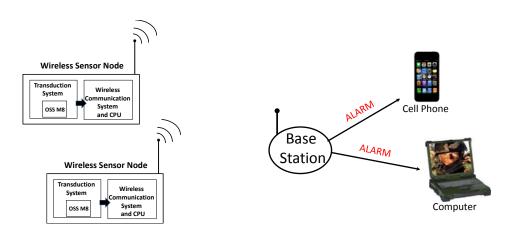


## **Phase II - Planned Activities**

## **Year 2: Develop Wireless Sensor Network for Self Reporting**



Wireless Node Construction



Autonomous Network Development



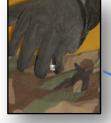
# **OSS Multi-Agent Surface Sampler**



**OSS Surface Sampler** 



> 30 surfaces successfully tested
Successfully identify all agent classes



Fatigues



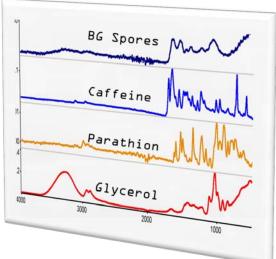
**Painted Metal** 



Vegetation Case



HazMatID Elite Handheld Chemical Identifier



Positive ID for Chem, Bio, Narcotics, Explosives, TICs/TIMs, NTAs





# **Surfaces Successfully Tested**

#### **Polymers**

- Polyethylene
- Polypropylene
- Acrylic
- Polycarbonate
- Vinyl
- Polyester (Military Textile)
- Aluminized Mylar

#### **Metals**

- Painted steel
- Rusted Steel
- Corrugated Steel
- Bare Steel
- Galvanized Steel
- Stainless Steel
- Powder Coated Steel
- Polished Aluminum
- Brushed Aluminum
- Bare Copper

#### **Natural Products**

- Bare Wood
- Painted Wood
- Stained Wood
- Pressure Treated Wood
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Paperboard
- Cotton (Military Textile)

### Other (porous)

- Fiberglass
- •Terra Cotta
- Concrete
- Asphalt
- •Ceramic

#### Other (nonporous)

- •Glass
- Porcelain



Surface Sampler Prototype



# **Agents/Simulants Successfully Tested on Surfaces**



#### Surface Sampler Prototype

# "White Powders"

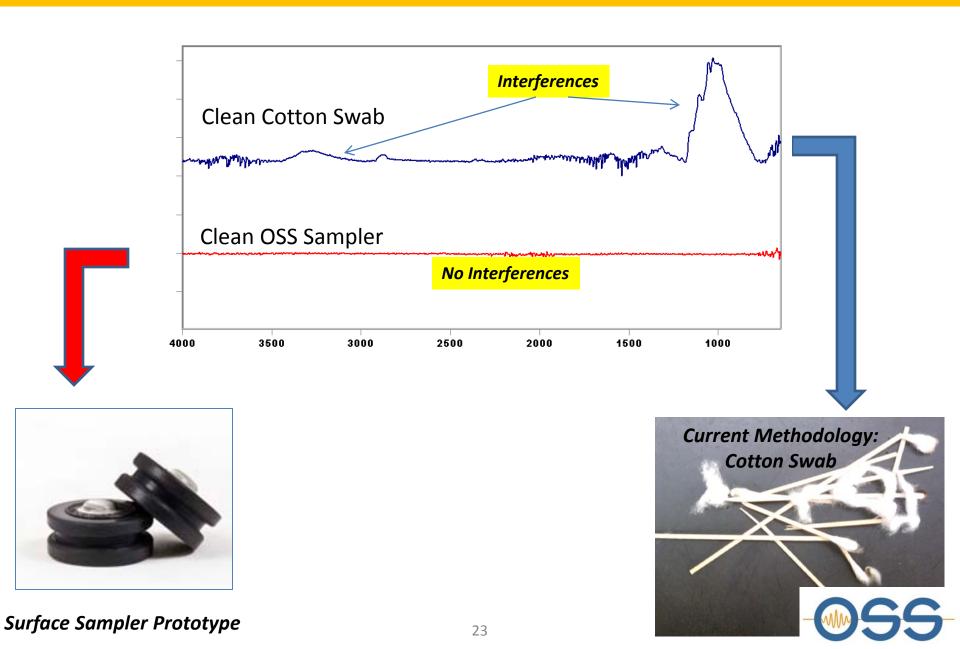
- Baking Soda
- Baking Powder
- Baby Powder
- Caffeine
- Corn Starch
- Sugar
- Bacterial Spores

# Liquids

- Parathion (pesticide)
- Malathion (pesticide)
- Glycerol
- PETN (high explosive)
- RDX (high explosive)
- Dimethyl Phosphate
- Silicone Oil
- Vegetable Oil



# **Surface Sampling Comparison**



# **OSS CBD Water Extractor**





Commercially Available For ASTM D7575 Testing



Mock Up of OSS
Chem/Bio Sampling Kit

FTIR ATR Analysis

Positive ID for Chem/Bio Agents in Water



# **Agents/Simulants Successfully Tested in Water**



ECBC Live Agent Testing
Summer/Fall 2010

- Hydrocarbons (ASTM D7575)
- Cyanide (ECBC Validated)
- Anthrax (ECBC Validated)
- VX (ECBC Validated)
- Phosphate
- Silicate
- Silicone Oil
- DEAET (CWA Simulant)



Commercially Available For ASTM D7575 Testing



